

Honorable Judge Claudia Wilken,

I hope my correspondance finds all well for 2008, Godspeed if you will... I am writing to let you know I will be home in a few weeks, returning to Walnut Creek, Ca., and I plan on diligently making an effort to retain attorney John Burris of Oakland also, I hear many reviews about him. I also just learned that the asian officer "Fong", in the newspaper clipping where the "MED STUDENT" got beat, and jumped on by police, well that "Fong" guy is one of the same officers who was present on 7-15-07 at 10:45AM Sunday, at my arrest, that helped "strangle" me out cold! An asian woman, "Fong", and two white officers, male, in the silver Crown Victoria Narco vehicle (peuter-color). These are violent, bad cops that will soon hurt or kill someone, and now that you are aware - if you don't rectify the problem, that persons "blood will be on your head"! Like the Bible says.... Sleep well, God-bless... Nothing Personal.

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Med school grad sues, says police injured his shoulder

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A recent graduate of UCSF Medical School has filed a \$1 million federal civil rights suit accusing San Francisco police of roughing him up and injuring his shoulder as he was tinkering with a car near an auto repair shop.

The confrontation forced Edward Yamoah, who is now a resident intern at a Houston-area hospital, to undergo surgery on a torn rotator cuff, said the suit filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

"This is a wonderful man who

is doing everything possible to be a good citizen, and yet he gets treated in the most outrageous manner possible," Yamoah's attorney John Burns of Oakland said Tuesday. "He was dehumanized, and his career as a surgeon was really threatened."

Yamoah's attorney spokeswoman was unavailable for comment Tuesday night. The city has not yet responded in court to the suit, which names Police Chief Heather Tang and officers Kevin Henry, 36, Jason Kirtz, 35, Robert Dene, 40, and Lee Kasper, 34.

Yamoah, 30, said he had a flashlight and was shining it into the engine of a used Acura on the night of Dec. 28, 2006, near Emerald Auto near 12th Avenue and Judah Street in the city's Inner Sunset district.

The car had been towed to the shop after hours with the owner's permission, and Yamoah had hoped to use the car for spare parts to repair a second vehicle, the suit said.

As Yamoah was working on the Acura, Henry and Kasper got out of a patrol car and walked up after he picked up the suit said. It wasn't clear why the officers chose to approach Yamoah.

Yamoah told the officers that the Acura was his car, and that he had surgery, but Kasper pushed him against the trunk of the car, applied a painful amount of pressure to his elbow, the suit said. The pushing was allegedly so severe it caused an ink stamp in Yamoah's shirt to break.

Yamoah yelled that the officer was hurting him but got no response, the suit said. Without provocation, Kasper kicked Yamoah in the shin and told him that he was "fucking the job" when Yamoah asked why he was kicked, the suit said.

Kirtz arrived and punched Yamoah in the chest with a closed fist, the suit said. Yamoah asked why he did this, and Kirtz replied, "because I want to," the suit said.

Police called Yamoah to a nearby house that he was working on and he was told to leave a car there, the suit said. He was told Yamoah, the suit said.

Yamoah called his police report that Yamoah was "illigonal, threatening and hysterical," the suit said.

Dene wrote that Yamoah "wanted to speak with his attorney because he wanted to get paid for this incident," the suit said. Yamoah denied making such a statement.

Yamoah was not charged with a crime. The suit alleged assault, battery, false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress and civil conspiracy.

Yamoah is a black American.

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